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SUBJEX: CODEL HOLLINGS/GRIFFIN

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1. SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 12 IN CHRISTCHURCH WILL INCLUDE INFORMAL BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR. A SPECIAL TOUR OF CHRISTCHURCH, ENDING WITH LUNCH IN UNUSUAL RESTAURANT, HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY INTERESTED. THIS MORNING TOUR IS, OF COURSE, OPTIONAL. SO AS TO ALLOW ALL THOSE INTERESTED TO TAKE PARTY, SUGGEST AMBASSADOR'S BRIEFING BE SCHEDULED AT TWO O'CLOCK, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DEEPFREEZE BRIEFING. IF THIS IS NOT SATISFACTORY, PLEASE ADVISE.

2. TO MAXIMIZE POSSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL CONTACT WITH DELEGATION, PRIME MINISTER MULDOON HAS ASKED THAT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14 BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

1200 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER

1300 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER,
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INCLUDING GONZ OFFICIALS.

1600 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER/FOREIGN MINISTER. MEMBERS
OF CODEL RANDAL INCLUDED IN MEETING.

FOR LADIES ON JANUARY 14 NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT PROPOSES
LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MRS. MULDOON AT SCENIC BEACH AREA ABOUT AN
HOUR FROM WELLINGTON. RETURN TRIP COULD INCLUDE SHOPPING AT
WELL KNOWN CENTER FOR NEW ZEALAND SPECIALTY ITEMS.
THIS WOULD REQUIRE DEPARTURE FROM WELLINGTON BY ABOUT 1130.

3. THESE CHANGES WOULD STRENGTHEN THE PROGRAM, AND
IN VIEW OF EXTRAORDINARY ATTENTION FOCUSED ON
THIS VISIT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND, POST HOPES
THAT PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSALS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED.

4. OPPOSITION LEADER ROWLING HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF CODEL VISIT AND
INVITED TO THE AMBASSADOR'S DINNER FOR CODEL, BUT HE IS VACATIONING
IN SOUTH ISLAND AND HAS NOT INDICATED HE WILL ACCEPT. MAXIMUM
EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE CONTACT FOR SENATOR CULVER
WITH OTHERS FROM OPPOSITION.

5. POST UNDERSTANDS CODEL ITINERARY TO CALL FOR DEPARTURE
FROM WELLINGTON AT 0800 AND DEPARTURE OHAKEA 1000. WE DO
NOT BELIEVE THAT TWO HOURS IS SUFFICIENT FOR DRIVE TO
OHAKEA AND DEPARTURE FORMALITIES. POST PLANNING CURRENTLY
BASED ON 0800 DEPARTURE FROM WELLINGTON, BUT IF THE
1000 DEPARTURE FROM OHAKEA IS CRITICAL, RECOMMEND
WELLINGTON DEPARTURE BE PUSHED BACK AT LEAST
TO 0730.
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